

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 4, line 23 before "580°C" insert --550 - 600° and preferably--;

Page 8, line 1, replace "or" with --,--;

line 2, after "min" and before the period, insert --or (iv) treatment with 70% nitric acid for 2 to 20 hours--;

line 6, after the period and before "The", insert --The concentration of the chloride(s) is sufficient to give a concentration of at least one of Pt and Ru of 0.2 to 2M.--

Marked up copies of pages 4 and 8 incorporating the above amendments are enclosed.